

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 6, 2017

Selectmen Present: Susan Silverman, Nancy Carney, Chris Holman

Ms. Silverman called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PRIMARY:

*** APPROVE MINUTES

January 30, 2017

Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Silverman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 2-0

*** APPROVE MANIFESTS

Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the manifests. Ms. Silverman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 2-0

*** **REVIEW SIGNATURE FOLDER** – The Selectmen reviewed and signed.

*** REVIEW IRS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Ms. Silverman reviewed information from the IRS regarding the new mileage rate of 53.5, effective January 1, 2017.

Ms. Carney made a motion to accept the new mileage rate. Ms. Silverman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 2-0

*** REVIEW LETTER FROM STATE OF NH

Re: Flashing Beacon

Ms. Silverman discussed the removal of the flashing beacon and stated the need to paint double yellow lines, if this was done. Ms. Carney noted that if taking down a study needed to be done on how to slow traffic down or the speed limit shouldn't be 50 mph through that area. Ms. Silverman suggested putting up a sign that stated traffic entering and exiting.

*** REVIEW INFORMATION FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Re: Students

The Selectmen reviewed.

*** REVIEW INFORMATIONS REGARDING TOBACCO FREE RECREATION POLICY

The Selectmen reviewed and agreed that this wasn't an issue. Ms. Favreau would draft a letter and state that it was too late for an ordinance.

*** REVIEW E-MAIL FROM WENDY MARTEL

Re: School Budget

The Selectmen reviewed. Ms. Favreau and the Selectmen agreed that an article for the newsletter would list the fact that there was only one budget to be voted on. The default budget was the same as the proposed budget. So voting up or down on Article 1 would be no difference.

*** DISCUSS AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Ms. Silverman received an e-mail from Gary Heald, who wanted to revive the Agriculture Committee. Ms. Favreau would contact Mr. Heald and let him know who was currently on the committee.

Chris Holman arrived during the discussion.

*** ELLIOT INSTITUTE – APPOINTMENT

Ms. Silverman shared that she had spoken with Karen Craig who was interested in serving on the Elliot Institute. Susan Massin was interested in serving as well.

Mr. Holman made a motion to appoint Karen Craig. Ms. Carney seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman – Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** DISCUSS VINCENT PROPERTY

Ms. Favreau shared that she drove by the Vincent property on Saturday and noted there was quite a few cars in the driveway and the garage door was open and it looked like construction was going on but she couldn't say for certain. The Selectmen discussed what their process had been so far. Ms. Carney shared that she was certain that they had moved out and asked if they were doing construction now. Ms. Silverman suggested that someone go to the property along with a police officer to inspect the property to determine what was going on. Ms. Carney offered to go.

*** DISCUSS E-MAIL REGARDING PROPERTY MAP 16, LOT 14

Ms. Silverman reviewed the e-mail. The property owners wanted the minutes of the Prime Wetlands meeting and also asked if the Town was interested in purchasing their property. Mr. Holman noted if doing the Prime Wetlands might want to do it. Ms. Silverman stated the property wasn't part of it and the Selectmen reviewed the map.

*** REVIEW PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed. Mr. Holman asked about the Selectmen having to enforce. Ms. Carney stated there wasn't anything to enforce as it wasn't an RSA or an ordinance. The Selectmen agreed it was more of a statement. Ms. Favreau shared it has to be put on the Warrant.

*** CONFERENCE CALL WITH ROGER KEILIG Re: Land Donation

Roger Keilig contacted the Selectmen to follow-up on an earlier discussion regarding the donation of a portion of his property. Mr. Keilig was still interested in donating a portion of his land to the Town and also wanted to know what the value of the portion would be.

Ms. Silverman shared they have already prepared and signed the Warrant and it might take some time to look into and talk with the assessor. Ms. Silverman also shared there was an article on the warrant that, if approved, would allow the Selectmen to accept gifts and transfer property on behalf of the Town. Mr. Keilig shared that he has contacted a surveyor. Ms. Silverman mentioned that if Mr. Keilig went ahead and got the property surveyed, then the Selectmen could sit down with their assessor to discuss the value of the parcels. Ms. Silverman shared that if the article doesn't pass, it would be another year before this transaction could happen. Ms. Silverman stated by March 15th the Selectmen would know how to proceed. Ms. Silverman asked Mr. Keilig to contact Ms. Favreau once the survey has been done.

*** REVIEW INFORMATION REGARDING SOLAR PROJECTS

OTHER BUSINESS:

SWRP DINNER MEETING – The Selectmen reviewed. Mr. Holman would like to attend.

LETTER FROM STATE OF NH – NOTICE OF FINDINGS – The Selectmen reviewed and discussed. Mr. Holman asked for confirmation that they were in the Village Water District. Mr. Holman shared that he knows there are water wells on the property. Ms. Favreau shared she could contact the Village Water District to find out if they are part of the Village Water District and what their water usage was. Ms. Silverman asked how Mr. Holman wanted to proceed and did he want Ms. Favreau to contact the Village Water District. Mr. Holman asked that an inquiry be made to DES. Discussion continued on where the Village Water District wells were. Mr. Holman asked that a copy of the letter from DES be sent to the Village Water District. Ms. Favreau would get the tax breakdown from the Tax Collector.

Ms. Favreau and the Selectmen discussed articles for the newsletter.

Mr. Holman suggested getting the culvert inventory completed before voting on the Prime Wetlands designations. Mr. Holman stated that if approved, our Highway Department would have to go through a lengthy process if the culvert was within one of the designated prime wetlands.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Ms. Silverman made a motion to adjourn the meeting	at 7:57 p.m. Mr. Holman seconded and the motion passed.	3-0
Submitted by:		
Sheryl White Secretary to the Board of Selectmen		
Secretary to the Board of Selectifier	Susan Silverman, Chairman	
	Nancy Carney, Vice Chairman	
	Chris Holman Roard of Selectmen	